IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method comprising:

receiving content ~~from one or more content sources~~;

receiving user feedback about categories of content of interest to a group of users;

receiving information from individual users about content of interest to individual users; and

using a two-stage filtering process to select content, such that in a first stage, remote from a receiver, user feedback is used to collect content categories from said content for said group of users and, during a second phase, at said receiver, filtering nodes are used to select from within said categories, content of interest to a subset of said group of users.

~~distributing a metadata dictionary to a plurality of network nodes, wherein the metadata dictionary comprises content descriptors;~~

~~receiving subscription information from the plurality of network nodes;~~

~~matching the content and the subscription information to form an aggregate content bit for the plurality ofnetwork nodes;~~

~~creating a rating survey via the subscription information, the rating survey to maximize allocation of bandwidth, the rating survey including user data, the user data including one or more of user interest level relating to the content, user timing preference relating to receiving of the content and consuming of the content, and observational profile information including automated observation or user-contributed observation;~~

~~allocating the bandwidth according to the rating survey;~~

~~generating an aggregated content stream based on the allocated bandwidth, wherein the aggregated content stream comprises aggregated content; and~~

~~distributing the aggregated content stream to a plurality of filtering network nodes, wherein the aggregated content stream is filtered via filtering hubs located at the plurality of filtering network nodes.~~

2 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:

generating a plurality of user profiles comprising the subscription information;

associating the content descriptors with the plurality of user profiles;

saving the user profiles;

generating a plurality of personalized content streams based on the plurality of user profiles by dividing the aggregated content stream into the plurality of personalized content streams; and

providing the plurality of personalized content streams to the plurality of receiving network nodes.

3 (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the generating the plurality of personalized content streams comprises filtering the aggregated content stream by comparing the aggregated content stream with the plurality of user profiles.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the plurality of personalized content streams to the plurality of corresponding users.

Claims 6-15 (Canceled).

16 (Currently Amended). A content delivery system comprising:

a head end to distribute content and to receive user feedback about categories of content of interest to a group of users;

a module to select categories for transmission to a group of users based on said feedback; and

a receiver including a filter to select content from within said categories of interest to a user of said receiver.

~~one or more content source computer systems to provide content to a content distributor computer system, wherein each of the one or more content source computer systems~~

~~and the content distributer computer system includes a processor and a storage medium coupled with the processor via a bus; and~~

~~the content distributor computer system coupled to the one or more content source computer systems, the content distributor computer system to receive the content from one or more content source computer systems, distribute a metadata dictionary to a plurality of network nodes, wherein the metadata dictionary having content descriptors, receive subscription information from the plurality of network nodes, match the content and the subscription information to form an aggregate content bit for the plurality of network nodes, create a rating survey via the subscription information, the rating survey to maximize allocation of bandwidth, the rating survey including user data, the user data including one or more of user interest level relating to the content, user timing preference relating to receiving and consuming of the content, and observational profile information automated observation or user-contributed observation,~~

~~allocate the bandwidth according to the rating survey,~~

~~generate an aggregated content stream based on the allocated bandwidth, wherein the aggregated content stream comprises aggregated content, and~~

~~distribute the aggregated content stream to a plurality of filtering nodes, wherein the aggregated content stream is filtered via filtering hubs located at the plurality of filtering network nodes.~~

Claims 17 and 18 (Canceled).

19 (Previously Presented). The content delivery system of claim 16, wherein the content distributor computer system comprises one or more of broadcasting networks, local broadcasters, cable providers and operators, satellite service provider, and other content providers.

20 (Previously Presented). The content delivery system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of filtering hubs comprises one or more of head-ends, local broadcasters, local satellite stations, and filtering stations.

21 (Previously Presented). The content delivery system of claim 16, further comprising a plurality of receivers, the plurality of receivers comprising multimedia devices, wherein the multimedia devices comprise one or more of a content providing sub-system and a content receiving sub-system.

22 (Previously Presented). The content delivery system of claim 21, wherein the content providing sub-system comprises content display computer system.

23 (Previously Presented). The content delivery system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of filtering hubs and the plurality of receivers are integrated one or more of logically and physically.

Claims 24-30 (Canceled).